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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrice DEBREGEAS *et al.*

Title: DEVICE FOR COATING
GRANULES TO BE
ADMINISTERED ORALLY

Appl. No.: 09/582,871

Filing Date: 08/09/2000

Examiner: S Tran

Art Unit: 1615

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	48	-	49	= 0 x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independents:	1	-	4	= 0 x \$84.00 =	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$280.00 =	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$0.00

- Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Aug. 9, 2002

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23, without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 24 and 25, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Three Times Amended) A device for producing granules comprising a drum with peripheral apertures, a member for feeding said drum with coating or fixing substance, and a member for supplying gas, wherein said drum comprises mutually parallel sections that define, between them, said apertures that form a path for a gas flow between the inside and the outside of said drum.

24. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said mutually parallel sections form a surface of said drum supporting the granules.